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Serial No. : Divisional of 10/194,015
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the above-identified application, pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, in order to bring the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, filed concurrently herewith, and that such art be made of record in said application.

This application is a divisional of application no. 10/194,015, filed July 10, 2002, which is a divisional of application no. 09/499,496, filed February 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,618. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have been previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent Office in prior application nos. 10/194,015 and/or 09/499,496. The subject application relies upon said prior applications for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the references are not being supplied herewith. Rather, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the prior applications, U.S. Serial Nos. 10/194,015 and 09/499,496, for copies of the references.

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The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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